



URGENT ITEM AGENDA MATERIAL

Government Code Section 54954.2(b)
Rules of Procedure Chapter III.C.5

**THIS ITEM IS NOT YET AGENDIZED AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE
ACCEPTED FOR THE AGENDA AS A LATE ITEM, SUBJECT TO THE
CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION ACCORDING TO BROWN ACT RULES**

Meeting Date: November 15, 2022

Item Description: Budget Referral: Berkeley Junior Jackets Field Use Expenses

This item is submitted pursuant to the provision checked below:

- Emergency Situation (54954.2(b)(1) - majority vote required)
Determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.
- X Immediate Action Required (54954.2(b)(2) - two-thirds vote required)
There is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda for this meeting being posted.

Once the item is added to the agenda (Consent or Action) it must be passed by the standard required vote threshold (majority, two-thirds, or 7/9).

Facts supporting the addition of the item to the agenda under Section 54954.2(b) and Chapter III.C.5 of the Rules of Procedure:

Berkeley Junior Jackets is an all-volunteer non-profit that has led youth sports and education programming alongside the organization Youth Lives Matter since 2017. In recent years, the organization has paid Berkeley Unified School District for the use of the fields at Berkeley High School for many of their games. The costs for using these fields are incredibly burdensome for an organization running without profit. The City of Berkeley must do what it can to support programs like the Jr Jackets, which primarily serves Berkeley's Black youth, with funding when opportunities such as this one arise. A budget allocation at this time is necessary in order to allow Jr Jackets to plan for its next year of programming.



BERKELEY CITY COUNCILMEMBER
TERRY TAPLÍN
DISTRICT 2

CONSENT CALENDAR

November 15, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Terry Taplin

Subject: Budget Referral: Berkeley Junior Jackets Field Use Expenses

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council refers \$6000 to the November Annual Appropriations Ordinance to provide Berkeley Junior Jackets' the necessary funds to cover expenses associated with the use of Berkeley Unified School District facilities in the operation of their youth sports program.

FISCAL IMPACTS

An estimated \$6,000 for the use of Berkeley High School's field during the 2023-2024 school year.

BACKGROUND

Since 2017, Berkeley Junior Jackets has worked in conjunction with Youth Lives Matter to build community through leadership, wellness, academic, and sports programming for Berkeley's young people. As an all-volunteer agency, Junior Jackets is doing invaluable work for Berkeley's families and children with intensely limited resources. Their programs are of particular importance to the Black families that call South and West Berkeley home, as well as those displaced from Berkeley. The Berkeley Jr Jackets mission of encouraging positive life choices while dealing with academic achievement, personal nutrition, social acceptance, domestic violence, homelessness, and bullying is of immeasurable importance at a time when violence continues to wreak havoc on West Berkeley communities. Organizations such as Jr Jackets, which runs without profit and is limited in its resources, require active support from local government so that they can pursue their mission at the height of their ability.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

None.

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